

TRYING TO GET BACK IN MILWAUKEE



CURRENT COMMENT

By FREDERIC HEATH.

This number of The Herald goes to press on the eve of the election.

Job Harriman predicts 20 Socialist members of the next California legislature.

The number of preachers who are Socialists is one of the remarkable developments of the present day. They are in every city and of every denomination.

The Socialists in the Norwegian parliament have begun an attack on the military schemes of the bourgeois government.

Don't forget to make good use of Benson's article on Socialism in the April Pearson's. Get your neighbor to read it.

The latest "explanation" of it is to blame the United States supreme court for the growth of Socialism in the United States.

Word comes that the Socialists elected three members to the consultative conference at Tunis, Africa, a gain of two seats.

James Maurer, just elected president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, is a Socialist member of the Pennsylvania legislature.

The Seattle school board has decided to allow political meetings in the school buildings. It is thought that this will lessen the number of soap boxes!

A Socialist mayor has just been elected at Harbor Springs, Mich. Do you know what that means? Simply that the number of Socialist mayors in the United States now totals 58.

That a judge should come out in defense of the other side in the Lawrence strike was only to be expected. Paying American labor on an Asiatic basis in proud, American New England, is all right to the American capitalist judicial mind.

The Union League club, of New York, here they dine on hummingbird tongues and nightingale eggs, has

just called the great third term aspirant an "undesirable citizen." Simply one of Teddy's chickens coming home to roost.

The sheep who asked the wolves to please be good were no more ridiculous than the fool voter who still believes that capitalism can be anything else but wolfish. The wolf must eat, and capitalism must have its increase out of us, or cease to be capital.

La Follette's politicians are selling him out in Milwaukee by leaguizing themselves with the big interests in the present city campaign. Profession and practice are two different things with some of the politicians that have enlisted under his banner.

The president of the Illinois miners' union has been nominated for congress. Who more than the miners, I would ask, have a better right to a voice in the national law-making body? Some sleek capitalist lawyer, or some sin-developed capitalist party politician?

A Socialist paper, the Social-Demokraten, of Christiansia, Norway, was the first paper to publish the fact of the discovery of the South Pole by Amundsen. It received a telegram from a Socialist who was a member of the exploring party, the moment the explorers reached Tasmania.

The Survey prints a picture of Raymond Robbins, and refers to him as miner, preacher, labor leader, political reformer and settlement worker. It might have added: Enemy of the rights of the worker to the value of his toil—in other words a monkey-worker pleasing to Mr. Morgan.

An exchange prints a photograph from the famine district of China, showing a rude little hut with the thatched roof nearly all sold for food. Inside a child lies ill with small pox. Simply one of the horrors from a world full of them. And all preventable horrors under a sane social system!

The Typographical Journal for March has a lengthy article recounting the work for unionism and the printing labels by the Social-Democratic administration in Milwaukee the past two years. Get it if you can, and read what it says. It will show you what even a first city term can do—if it really wants to.

Russia is making it hard for the

Socialist press of Finland. The editor of the party organ at Tampere, Santeri Nuorteva, who some time ago was sent to prison for lese majeste, managed to make his escape, and has lately settled in Oregon, where he has been made editor of the Toveri, the Finnish Socialist bi-weekly at Astoria.

One of the rawest capitalist tricks

of recent date was the dispatch sent to the capitalist press of the country to the effect that the Socialist weekly, of Girard, Kansas, The Appeal to Reason, had suspended publication. The dispatch, queerly enough, said that the paper had been losing money and then went on to relate how its owners had made so much money out of it

that they did not know the total themselves!

Banker Morse, who was so neatly pardoned by the president because alleged to be dying, now sends word from Europe that he is feeling fine, thank you. A common crook goes to prison. If he is sick he goes to the prison hospital or to a county hospital.

Mayor Seidel's Whirlwind Speech in the Great Milwaukee Campaign

The issue in this campaign is not honest government. You already have that in Milwaukee. The issue is not efficiency or economy. You have today the most efficient and economical administration Milwaukee has ever had. The Social-Democrats have been on the job. You are getting more for your tax money this year than ever before. These are not the real issues. They are small matters in this campaign.

I am going to tell you what I know is the real issue. I want to say that the voters of Milwaukee in this campaign are up against the real thing. Some call it the Beast in the Jungle. Some call it Capitalism. Others call it the System, or the Interests.

This insatiable Thing is never satisfied. It lives on franchises and special privileges. It always wants more. And when any men or party of men threatens it, this Thing fights. It has not been able to get what it wants in the city hall the past two years. So it has gone out and combined the Democratic and Republican parties in this campaign and is seeking to kill the power it cannot control in the city hall.

This Thing that wants to get control of the city hall has connections outside of the city. It is so powerful that it fixes the price of wheat your wife or mother shall pay for groceries and meat when she goes out to buy the needs of life. Every workman in the country is up against this Thing—it fixes wages and tries to trample out labor unions. It decides that while the cost of living goes up wages shall stand still.

This thing, the Beast or the System, whatever you choose to call it, has seized for itself the natural resources of the country. It owns the land, the water power, mineral and forest rights. Never satisfied, always looking farther for privileges, it has gained tremendous power. It makes legislatures, governors, sheriffs, and judges do

what it wants done. It makes men commit crime. It drives women out on the street to sell their bodies. It takes children away from the sunshine and the playground and thrusts them into the darkness of the mines and the dust of the workshops.

Politically, this thing rules America. It killed the Knights of Labor. It killed the People's party. It has crippled the La Follette movement and made leaders of that movement in Milwaukee line up politically side by side with corruptionists.

With the exception of one newspaper, it owns or controls the press of Milwaukee and tells thousands of men every day what they shall think or not think. It makes and unmakes the lives of men. And when a brave, honest man like John P. Altgeld of Chicago or Tom Johnson of Cleveland stands up and fights against this greedy, insatiable Beast demanding more privileges, the Beast marks these men and they die broken-hearted.

The Beast has ordered that the Social-Democrats shall be driven from the city hall of Milwaukee. But for once the Beast is mistaken. It will find that the young giant, labor, knows how to fight.

We are fighting back. And next Tuesday we are going to strike the Beast a blow that will crowd it out from Milwaukee never to come back. It has learned that it can not go into the city hall and make members of the administration stand up against a wall and take orders. Snarling and enraged, it is trying to come back. But I have too much faith in the intelligence of the workman of Milwaukee and I know they will crowd the Beast out of Milwaukee.

They know the Beast changes its name whenever a change is needed. You will not be fooled. You will vote for your homes and your children.

When he recovers he goes back to the cell. No Pres. Taft gives him a thought, you can bet.

With the rise of Socialism also rises the crook and sharper, who makes use of the fear of the big capitalist to get money with to start opposition papers and magazines. From Ralph Easley down, they are an amorphous bunch, and in each case the paper or magazine soon withers as the "angel" gets onto the game and refuses to come down with more money.

The Socialist mayor of Schenectady, N. Y., arranged to follow Milwaukee's lead and to have popular Sunday concerts in the armory building, when in strutted a Major Thomas Carney and refused the use of the building for such a purpose, evidently feeling that it was dedicated to the cause of human murder and not to human uplift. An effort will be made to get a more favorable ruling from the governor of the state.

We used to speak of Socialism—we Social-Democrats did—as the irrepressible conflict that was just ahead, borrowing the term from Abolition days. The conflict is here. It has the center of the stage. No man has a right to be uninformed as to what Socialism means and stands for. In fact, the people are willing to be informed. This paper and others like it are published to get the truths of Socialism to the people. Your duty, Mr. Reader, is to place copies where they will do the most good.

Canton, Ohio, Socialists sent a cablegram to Canton, China, congratulatory of the uprising in China for people's rule. This return cablegram was the response.

To Socialist Comrades, Canton, Ohio, U. S. A.

No, we are not in the market for discarded Manchus—in fact, have just succeeded in kicking out our own. With congratulations and fraternal greetings. Yours,

SAM YUEN FAT, Branch Secretary, Canton, China.

All that was sordid, disreputable and dishonest was brought to bear by capitalism in the Milwaukee campaign just closed to fight the Social-Democrats. Every capitalist newspaper descended to the depths to help

on the fight for the regaining of the city. At this writing the outcome is not known, but the struggle has shown labor the character of the enemy it must meet in its continued conquest of the political power. Well, capitalism is far from being a clean enemy. It is vile—and unashamed.

I do not endorse all of Dr. Wiley's ideas, but his practically forced retirement from the service of the people is a killing in plain sight of the people. Wiley opposed the food sharks, the painters, tainters and dopers of the food of the land. He had to go. He and capitalism could not stay in the same administration—that was the long and short of it. Preservatives in food arrest decomposition, naturally also they arrest digestion. People when they buy tinned foods of certain kinds simply buy tinned capitalism. The stomach not only rebels but passes on the poison to the rest of the human system—and the poison is simply so much inflammable matter waiting to form fuel for the fires of disease.

Our judges that we elect all over the country are not super-men. They are most of them old party politicians who come before us as non-partisans simply to fool the foolable. They are human beings, filled with human passions and shrewdness, and their decisions are only worth what you might expect from such circumstances. Many of them simply use the sanctity of the bench to pull off stunts for capitalism, and in effect dare the people whom they are supposed to serve to get in "contempt of court" by criticizing them. It is no accident that the courts are becoming an object of suspicion in this country. My prediction is that before very long the entire judicial system will have to be overhauled and purified by the people. The signs unmistakably point that way.

A bill has been introduced in congress by Mr. Tillson of Connecticut to loan government rifles to bodies of citizens to "promote a patriotic spirit" through rifle practice. It is believed to be really in the interests of arming the boy scouts. The rulers always figure that if men can be drilled to shoot they soon learn to shoot at human targets, thus making it easier to declare war. Patriotism to the plutes is synonymous with gunpowder, as this bill significantly shows.

"SANCTIFIED" RASCALS

the country, or violates the labor laws, or visit hood-houses with teachers, or encourage aristocratic snobbery among high school pupils, or use the whip of fear over the teaching force to control their private conduct and their votes, or use the veto against union labor, or shave the teachers' and other employees' wages, or any other thing.

Dr. J. H. O. Smith, D. D., can be relied upon on this matter, for he is wiser than we or he wouldn't be advising us all the time.

We may not understand just how non-partisanship sanctifies a man, but you may be sure when Dr. D. J. H. O. tells you so, that even if the present board were re-elected with politics eliminated, they would not be guilty of any of these evil and unprintable things.

The present board believes in J. H. O., too, and J. H. O. believes in them.

Last year we came near having a purified and sanctified board of city commissioners when the chamber of commerce selected a non-partisan ticket for us to vote—knowing our ignorance in such matters.

But since politics is so corrupt, and the remedy so easy, why don't our fatherly councillor and the patriotic and incorruptible C. of C. tell us to elect a non-partisan president, a non-partisan governor and a non-partisan legislature?

In fact, why don't they tell the Democratic and Republican parties to disband, or at least to divide up the offices evenly on a nonpartisan basis and thus purify the government everywhere, through and through?

And since politics is so polluting, are they, themselves, clean when they vote a partisan ticket, or hold office as a Democrat or Republican?

And will they vote against Teddy, or against Wilson, or nominate a president, because they are running on a partisan ticket?

O God! O God! O God! Give us brains!

Oklahoma Pioneer.

The Truth About Milwaukee

ing Loan Sharks at Last!

her husband earned \$60 a month borrowed \$25 to buy her son a suit of clothes. She didn't wish her son to be in jail, but she had

husband to know of it, and told the loan shark so. Playing upon their dread of asposure, the shark employed the well-known arts of his trade to nurse the loan along, adding to the third layer of security the woman and her son, and named on the point of extinguishing it. At the shark's death, not more than a year ago, he had collected \$500 from his victims—and the loan was still alive.

That is a very common case. It presents a subject with which the congress for the District of Columbia and the legislatures of many states have wrangled of late. Just

the United States.

This is radical, because robbing the poor by unconscionable usury is a gteat crime of crime. It is committed necessarily by persons possessed of capital, who usually wear good clothes and live in comfortable homes. It bears a resemblance to the honorable trade of banking. The law has invariably treated it as a gteat crime, punishing it only with money amercement by way of loss of interest or a fine—which, of course, the loan shark promptly charged up to his next victim.

The Wisconsin law, however,

Various answers have come from different quarters; but a completely novel answer comes from Wisconsin. We heartily recommend this legislature that is dealing with the loan-shark problem.—Saturday Evening Post.

...n—where politically they do many strange things, such as taxing railroad property as heavily as they can, property and attempting, by a n income tax, to make all citizens contribute to the support of the state according to their means. Wisconsin has a usury law with death in it. Under that law a Mil-

And The Saturday Evening Post might have added that it was a Social-Democratic district attorney who brought this case into court, backed by evidence that would secure a conviction and that he pushed it to a finish. That man was Winfred C. Zabel, a working class public official.

Washington's Great Mine Uprising

"Things are pretty bad in our country just now. Mr. Phillips."
 Again and again during the last few years some American has said that to me.

I ask him, "What things?"
 One answer is:
 "Well, your present coal strike, for instance."
 "Against?"

WASHINGTON
 News Notes

(By National Socialist Press)

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Charging that the officials of the Brotherhood of Fireman and Enginemen in the state of Georgia are suppressing the real views of their membership on the pend-

No, sir, not at all. I think the coal strike in England is not bad. It had to come. It was the "Only Way." It is the first step of a new and finer era in the history of the world.

Test was supported in his contentions by Representative Howard of Georgia who testified as follows:

"The rank and file of the men who are affected by this revolutionary measure cannot write to their senators and representatives without violating the sacred rights of the people."

men oppose a bill which is officially recommended by the national representatives, the men jeopardize their right to get insurance. Sixty thousand

Now, there is quite good feeling to-day. Masters meet men and they smile back, and the men say: "You're beaten, sir. Minimum wage must carry." The settlement will bring harmony

And that is good, no had. Think of it! Nearly a million men on strike in England, and not an extra policeman needed nor a soldier called out. You will forgive me for being

of my friends among the English miners. They are so dignified in their law-abiding self-control.

"A minimum wage does not mean a wage just above the starvation line. I mean a wage that shall keep a man free from worry and care for next week's rent and food. A wage upon which a man may enter into, and live upon, all the attributes of his manhood. That is the principle the coal miners of England are out for, and that is the principle every man and woman of every creed and faith must support and which every real patriot must give his verdict for."—Harry Phillips, trustee of the British Dock Workers' union, in *The Survey*.

The Dead Level of Socialism.—The capitalist tell the workers they are opposed to Socialism because it will reduce all to a dead level, and to this they attach the argument that because the present system each American understands has a chance to become president of the United States. That sounds good, Mr. Capitalist, but you see the workers are all so busy trying to earn enough to get three square meals a day and have enough to pay the landlord that they have not time to grab the "chance" when it comes along.—*Ex.*

How Labor Loses Its Product.—It is the capitalists who dictate terms. They practically say to the workmen:—"Yes, you may work for us, but your product shall belong to us. Out of the value of your product we shall pay for your labor power—pay the market price. The surplus that you create shall stay in our pockets. You are 'free' men; you may work or not, just as you please. But the surplus shall belong to us, we are going to run our business in our own way, and if you work at all, you must accept these terms."

Now Sutherland may be right in his charge but the fact remains that the railroad interests are back of the compensation measure which he has fathered. Sutherland himself is one of the most reactionary men in the senate.

The hearing was largely attended by members of congress and the railway brotherhoods. It is evident that the expensive federal commission which drew up the bill is very much worried at the unexpected opposition from the South.

Poverty and Drunkenness.—"For every case of poverty caused by drunkenness there are ten cases of drunkenness caused by poverty. We are so afraid of paternalism that we have no old-age insurance. Employers today don't want men over 40 or over 35. These bars are barriers to the getting enough money to earn in these days. What has the future in store for the young man who is going to be an old man if he lives?"

"The fruits of his labor—what part has he in them? They go to another. Think of the thousands upon thousands who sweat in the mines of Pennsylvania that Mr. Carnegie may build libraries and eat his bread in the sweat of other men's faces. For my own part, I'd rather not read books that are bought in that way. Not that I condemn Mr. Carnegie. He and his wealth are the products of a condition and not the responsible causes of that condition."—The Rev. Van Allen, Boston.

"That man's profits are paradoxical."—"In what way?"

"He is a professional witness and his assets are his lie-abilities."—Baltimore American.

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Brisbane Hall is one of the Socialist sights of America, and no Socialist who comes to Milwaukee and is taken through the building is able to repress his surprise and excitement over what he has seen. It is a veritable beehive of labor union and Social-Democratic activity, a monument in solid concrete to the movement that has now come into commanding position.

The building was erected by the political and industrial labor movement, that is, by the workers in those movements, by means of a realty company. Shares of stock were issued up to \$40,000, and these were so readily taken that today we can announce that almost the entire issue has been sold. As a matter of fact, there are only three thousand dollars' worth still unsold—a remarkable fact. When the company was incorporated the shares were issued at \$25 each. A share makes as fine and steady an investment as anyone could ask for. And there's

ONLY \$3,000 OF STOCK STILL TO BE HAD!

Brisbane Hall has proved a good investment from the day it was opened for tenants. Every available room is now occupied by first-class tenants. The typesetting machines and the equipment of the editorial rooms for the Milwaukee Leader are now installed on the fourth floor, which was reserved for that purpose.

Brisbane Hall is one of the finest buildings in Milwaukee, and every Socialist and union man and woman in Milwaukee is proud of it as the home of labor. It is centrally situated at the corner of Sixth and Chestnut streets, a live business part of the city. Remember, \$37,475 of the stock is already disposed of.

It is a four story and basement fireproof brick, cement and iron building. The foundation is built to support an eight-story building when the time comes that it will be needed. This building will be in good condition 50 years from now. Real estate in this part of the city is rapidly increasing in value, and from all appearances will continue to do so indefinitely.

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Closing Days of the Great Milwaukee Campaign

Either the people rule or the interests rule; man rules or the dollar rules!

That was the message that Mayor Emil Seidel pounded home in nine enthusiastic Social-Democratic meetings on his third great whirlwind tour of the city last night.

Everywhere the mayor went he was greeted with an ovation that assured a sweeping victory at the polls on Tuesday. "They are whipped and they know it. There won't be a solitary one of them who will get votes enough to get within speaking distance of election," declared the mayor as audience after audience broke into rousing, spontaneous cheering for the mayor and the Social-Democratic ticket.

The mayor held close to his schedule all the evening until Vixay's hall was reached and there it went to smash. With nine meetings to cover the time schedule must be held to strictly. At Vixay's hall, however, it was an impossibility to halt the applause for a full five minutes and when the mayor finally was allowed to begin his talk he spoke longer than usual, enthused beyond the point of remembering time by the magnificent greeting he had his message received.

A Monster Meeting Planned

Twenty-one speakers have been secured for the monster Social-Democratic mass meeting at the Auditorium Sunday night. There are speakers for every hall in the building and special arrangements have been made to care for any part of the crowd who cannot find accommodations in the building. Although the gathering will probably be the greatest to the political history of Milwaukee or Wisconsin all arrangements have been detailed so that no hitch of any kind is expected to occur. Promptly at 8:10 o'clock the chairman will call the meetings in the several halls to order. Every man will work on a time schedule and every speaker will be stopped when he has used up his time; 10:15 has been set as the closing time.

Stator Winfield R. Gaylord will be chairman of the big meeting in the main hall. Fred W. Rehfeld, alderman, will be chairman of the Engelmann hall meeting; Frank J. Weber will act as chairman in Plankinton hall; Leo Krzycki, of Juneau hall; Carl P. Dietz, Kilbourn hall; and Oscar Rademaker, Walker hall.

Among the speakers will be Congressman Victor L. Berger, Mayor Emil Seidel; Seymour Steadman of Chicago; W. A. Jacobs of Racine; and Frederick Strickland, Anderson, Ind.

The speakers for the various halls are as follows:

ENGELMANN'S HALL—F. W. Rehfeld, chairman; 8:10, E. T. Melms; 8:20, Victor L. Berger; 8:30, Emil Seidel; 8:40, W. A. Jacobs; 8:50, Frederick Strickland; 9:00, adjournment.

PLANKINTON HALL—Frank J. Weber, chairman; 8:10, Oscar Ameringer; 8:20, Victor L. Berger; 8:30, E. T. Melms; 8:40, C. D. Thompson; 8:50, Emil Seidel; 9:00, Frederick Strickland; 9:10, adjournment.

JUNEAU HALL—Leo Krzycki, chairman; 8:10, Frederick Strickland; 8:20, E. T. Melms; 8:30, Oscar Ameringer; 8:40, Victor L. Berger; 8:50, D. W. Hoan; 9:00, Emil Seidel; 9:10, adjournment.

KILBOURN HALL—Carl P. Dietz, chairman; 8:10, Emil Seidel; 8:20, Seymour Steadman; 8:30, E. T. Melms; 8:40, H. E. Briggs; 8:50, Victor L. Berger; 9:00, adjournment.

WALKER HALL—Oscar Rademaker, chairman; 8:10, Dan W. Hoan; 8:20, Emil Seidel; 8:30, Carl Minkler; 8:40, Victor L. Berger; 8:50, W. A. Jacobs; 9:00, E. T. Melms; 9:10, adjournment.

OVERFLOW MEETING—8:20 to 8:40, Winfield R. Gaylord; 8:40 to 9:00, D. W. Hoan; 9:00 to 9:20, Henry Jones; 9:20 to 10:15, Oscar Ameringer.

Melms and Ameringer Address Big Meeting

Packed in like the proverbial sardines in a can, one of the most enthusiastic audiences of the campaign greeted Alderman E. T. Melms and Oscar Ameringer last night at Ortman's hall, 889 Muskego avenue, and repeatedly cheered the speakers as fact after fact was presented to them.

Mr. Melms dwelt at length upon the tax situation, and showed what the present administration has given the city with expenditures which should have made every man's taxes lower instead of higher last year. "In the two years of the Rose administration," he said, "there was raised in the form of taxes, 40 per cent more than in the previous year, while the present administration raised only 24 per cent more. With this we have given the people a scientific budget, a city inventory and wiped out a deficit of \$216,000 which they left when the Socialists came into office. The inventory alone proved that the city is about \$11,000,000 richer than they had estimated it to be.

"We also gave the city better factory inspection, better milk inspection and erected several new public institutions, including the auditorium on the south side.

Saves the Babies.

Another thing which the present administration has taken up is the child welfare work, and this work alone has saved at least 200 babies in the Fourteenth ward alone.

The paramount issue in this campaign is Socialism against anti-Socialism. The reason they oppose us is because they don't understand Socialism, and when they get wild, as they have done in the past few days, making charges which are simply laughable, it shows they are reaching the end of their rope.

"When the Democrats or the Republicans were in power in the past and

desired to raise wages, they began at the top. We began at the other end. We raised wages and shortened the hours of the men who worked for the city. We have put on additional men in certain departments and have done a lot of work which was formerly done by the contractors. Where the asphalt trust was formerly charging us \$2.08 a square yard for repairs to our pavements, we have installed our own repair plant and now do this work for 80 cents a yard.

Mr. Melms also spoke of the refusal of the street car company to allow the Social-Democratic posters on their cars, declaring it to be the result of the fight being waged by the administration to compel them to do their share of the street paving as provided for in their franchise, as well as the fight successfully made to make them sprinkle their tracks and for the license fee.

The Car Fight.

"If the present administration is continued in power another two years," he said, "the street car company will either pay between its tracks or lose the franchise which was handed to it in 1900."

Mr. Ameringer's talk, which was delivered half in German and half in English, took up the work the present administration has done for labor throughout the city.

"The Social-Democratic party has but one mission," he said, "and that is to improve the condition of the working class until the day comes when the workers receive the full product of their labor. Its work is to raise wages and lower prices until the time comes when they are equal.

"If the Social-Democratic party in the last two years has not been successful in improving the conditions of the working people, then it is a failure. If it has succeeded to this, then it is a success.

Helped the Workers.

"When the party entered the city hall, the first thing the street railway company did was to voluntarily raise the wages of its employees. Effort had been made for years to organize the women in the breweries, and had failed in every city, until the Socialists came into power to Milwaukee. They were organized.

"The city has 800,000 workers. It raised the pay of these from \$1.75 to \$2 a day, and it intends to raise their pay more. No man can live a human existence on \$12 a week."

The work of the administration in aiding the strike of the garment workers, the new wage scale of the brew-

ery workers, and its influence on the settlement of the textile strike in Massachusetts, were all touched upon. The crowd cheering the name of Congressman Berger, in whose efforts he said, the settlement of the textile strike was largely due.

The Old Game.

"For 50 years," he said, "the city has been being redeemed. The Republicans have had to redeem it from the Democrats and the Democrats have had to redeem it from the Republicans, and now the time has come when the two bankrupt parties have joined, and tell you they must redeem it from the Socialists.

"They tell you if the Socialists remain in power capital will not come to Milwaukee, but the time is soon coming when the capitalists can go to but one place where they will find no Socialists, and that place is too hot for them."

Dietz Gives Figures

Comptroller Carl P. Dietz has called the turn on The Daily News in an emphatic manner. That organ of the interests Monday night published falsified figures of the cost of the comptroller's department under Dietz. Dietz on Tuesday forwarded to the paper the following statement, which shows his administration to have been the most highly successful in the history of the city:

"In last night's editorial, 'Why these increases?' you refer to the cost of the comptroller's office in 1909 at \$12,499.80 and to 1911 at \$18,257.81, an increase of \$5,758.01. These figures are not correct. The comptroller's office in 1909 according to the records of my office, cost \$17,312.16 under Comptroller Grawie. In 1911 the comptroller's office cost \$16,280.58, or a decrease of \$1,031.60 under my administration. The foregoing figures refer to the same items of service. In addition to this, we prepared a new scientific budget and introduced the first inventory of city property Milwaukee ever had at an additional cost of \$1,710.17 which I am willing to add to the expenses of my department. This makes my actual decrease over 1909, \$678.57.

You asked whether the people have received more service or efficiency from my department. I answer: For this increase of \$678.57, we have with our own force installed an entirely new accounting system which a United States government examiner told me would have cost the city \$30,000 to \$25,000, had it been installed by

outsiders. The inventory introduced by us shows that where the city's property was formerly estimated at \$31,000,000, it is actually \$45,743,192, an increase in value to the city of nearly \$15,000,000. We have established a property accountability system and know now just what property every department has, and no more can items of property disappear as a \$100 type-writer did from the mayor's office two years ago, without our being able to hold the proper parties to account. A \$200,000 accounting system, \$15,000,000 increase in property value and many other innovations not here mentioned, but which will be gladly shown to any one calling at the comptroller's office are certainly worth the increase in expenditure of \$678.57."

Brand Whitlock's Views

Brand Whitlock, mayor of Toledo, and Louis F. Post, editor of the famous single tax magazine, The Public, were brought in to Bohman hall as witnesses concerning the Social-Democratic city administration last night. Elias of Toledo, the man who ran only 247 votes behind Whitlock in the last campaign in that city, stated that Brand Whitlock addressed an audience of 5,000 people there during his campaign, and told them:

"As good an administration as has been given Toledo by Goldan Rula Jones and his successors, I know that Milwaukee is 50 years ahead of us."

Carl D. Thompson read an editorial from The Public of this week. The editorial was written by Louis F. Post Progressive Democrat and single taxer. The Post says:

"The combination of Democrats and Republicans against the Socialists in Milwaukee is a business organization to restore bad government. It is a business, bad-government combine. How can any good government man vote for it and not laugh in his own face?"

Road Wants Franchise.

Thompson declared that Post is right and one of the indications that big business is back of the "non-partisan" combine is the fact that the Milwaukee Western road is hunting for a franchise by which it can enter the city. "They couldn't get what they wanted last year," said Thompson, "they wouldn't accept the Social franchise offered them by the Social Democrats. They want something better and if the 'non-partisan' crowd can be placed in the city hall they will get the kind of a franchise they are looking for. The franchise grabbers are in this campaign pulling the wool over the people's eyes just as in previous campaigns."

"The 'non-partisan' crowd has the nerve to come before the people and say, 'Elect us and we will give you good street car service.' The same old bunch, the same old bunch, the same old bunch, bound the city hand and foot with the franchise of 1900. The same fellows that sold out then and gave the car company just what it wanted, are back on the job now and tell you they are going to get better car service."

Some Old Bunch.

"I tell you it's the same old bunch. They talk about independence in politics, but all their talk about independence is hypocrisy. The only two men in the council that were independent have been defeated. They were snowed under in the primaries because they had the independence to vote with the Social-Democrats once in a while on a decent measure. Henry Smith, the Democrat, and Samuel Wright, the Republican, were the only real independents in the minority. They would not wear the collar. Big business, and therefore were put out of the running."

"The 'non-partisans' will be whipped by an overwhelming vote next Tuesday, for three reasons: (1) They haven't any candidates. (2) Mental caliber, physical make-up and moral quality, fading in with. Joe Carney has growled and snarled for over two years, but has never once made good on any of his charges. During the time he has served there is not one constructive measure to his credit. And Kotekci—he is prominent as one of the reasons why the state legislature abolished the office of justice of the peace.

Have No Party.

(2) They have no arguments. They have absolutely nothing that will stand up and compare with the splendid constructive program and achieved record of the Social-Democratic party.

(3) They have no party, no organization, no enthusiasm. They are lacking the fire of enthusiasm for a great cause.

Picnic or Panic.

"Under capitalism, when you produce too much, you look the factory doors and have a picnic. Under Socialism, if we produce too much, we

will lock the factory doors and have a picnic."

"Rockefeller and me are capitalists. We skip you. We have oil farms and real estate. You pay us rent, interest and profit. We live off you without working. So long as you are satisfied with this, we are. Wake up and join the Socialist movement to get what belongs to you."

Though the meeting lasted 3 hours, interest was sustained throughout.

Slush Fund Appears

Men with large rolls of money have been seen accompanying some of the "non-partisan" candidates about the city, forcing treats of drinks and cigars upon the crowds in saloons. Just what other uses they are making of this money cannot be said. Comrades are requested to watch these persons, to ascertain their names wherever possible, to note the amounts they spend and to whose interest it is spent. All facts of this kind which can be proved will be of value in showing up the presence and the use of the slush fund which is undoubtedly being spent to this city now, contrary to the provisions of the corrupt practices act.

Municipal Obligations.

Public Cause (Ind.)—Shall the city of Kalamazoo accept the natural obligation of a municipality, and protect its citizens from the greed of corporations, as it now protects them against thieves and fire, or shall it permit corporations to prey upon the necessities of the people and to levy a tax for a service which the city itself should perform? If the people should decide to abandon municipal lighting, that decision would be equivalent to a declaration that Kalamazoo does not consider itself capable of exercising the natural functions of government.

Waterpower Trusts.—Not content with permitting incompetent and unfaithful trusteeships of all our natural coal deposits, public opinion has kept silent while similar trusts have been in process of creation for all our water power. One vigilant official sounds a warning. This is the commissioner of corporations, Herbert Knox Smith.—The Public.

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The Path of the Stars

THE traveler going by train from St. Gall to Appenzel, through the beautiful Appenzel Land in Switzerland, will see now and then way up on the mountain side a small farm house or chalet.

In one of these which was situated on a high barren plateau, almost within a stone's throw of the eternal snow, lived a family of hardy mountaineers who gained a living by chopping wood in the pine forests, occasionally acting as guide to tourists, and partly from the almost barren piece of the mountainside they called their own.

The family consisted of Joseph or Sepp as he was called, Zent his wife, a crippled boy, Xaver, and the old great grandfather, Toni. Sepp and his wife worked from early to late



in order to get enough food and a little money for taxes, but, in spite of all, often food was scarce. Old Toni and crippled Xaver could do but little more than mind the cow, and so were considered a useless burden. The butter from the milk of the cow was sold in the village down in the valley, and seven days in the week their meals consisted mostly of sour skimmed milk, some black bread and boiled potatoes. When they could afford a little meat this was considered a feast or holy day.

In such a battle for existence the heart grows cold and the kindly or nobler feelings of man have no place. So, many times when food was scarce, the grandfather and Xaver would be sent away without any. "You two cannot work, so you need not eat," was the oft repeated

remark of Sepp, and his wife dared not to say anything. During the long summer evenings Toni and Xaver would often sit before the house on the rude bench, listening to the tinkle of the cow-bells that came to them from the pastures farther below, and they would talk in low tones together. Toni was old, very old, and almost blind. But he was the only companion Xaver had and the only being that was kind to him, that understood him, and for Toni and Xaver were inseparable.

After Xaver had had the scrofula and became a cripple, so he could neither work or go down the mountainside to the village school, his mother had no more feeling for him, for he was one more burden besides the old grandfather; so when he saw or met him she pushed him roughly aside and instead of caresses he got cuffs and slaps. Once before he was ill he had gone to the village with his mother, had been to the little church with its decorated altar, its colored windows, and he had seen the incense and the candles and the figure of the Savior on the cross. And he had heard the organ and listened to the singing. How attentively he had listened to the sermon of the priest who, in simple language, had told of the beauties and joys of heaven, and of the bright path that lead thither. Often after that Xaver would look up at the stars and see the Milky Way and wonder if that was the path to heaven. Xaver pictured to himself heaven after what he had seen in the church, and often he would tell Toni of how beautiful heaven is and what a bright road led there. Feeble old Toni would listen with rapt attention, while a calm and peaceful expression would steal over his worn face, nodding assent now and then, and sometimes he would fall asleep, when Xaver would gently wake him. But that was in the summer when it was warm. Now it is winter and bitter cold.

Toni and Xaver sit together on a low bench near the stove. It is supper time. Zent is in a bad humor, because Sepp has not come home yet and it is getting late. The usual meal is waiting for him on the table. Xaver every now and then casts longing glances at the table in the corner, over which hangs an old oil lamp. Presently there is a heavy crunching of the frozen snow outside. The door is opened and Sepp steps in, throws his canvas knapsack in a corner, takes off his cap and heavy black shoes. Here you Xaver, you lazy good-for-nothing, find my slippers, haven't you got them warmed?

What is there new in the village? asks

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